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## Director's Comments

Winter is coming upon us, the General Assembly will soon be in town, many of you will be spending holidays with families and friends, and another year will pass by the wayside. Time passes, but the way we use it is what provides meaning and value to that time. This is said so much that it tends to have little meaning, but I'll say it



again anyway, because it's true – the work we do can save a life. It can be the life of a juvenile or of a potential victim. It can be a family member, or someone in the community. Many years back, I was told that it is a blessing to be given the opportunity to help someone else and that one should not throw away blessings. If you accept that as true, then we at DJJ are blessed every day, even though there are times when sanity causes us to question that proposition.

You cannot do a good job, or be a proper friend, spouse, parent or child if you don't take care of yourself. Enjoy whatever you do during this season, but be careful. Be safe on the roads, even as you drive around your neighborhood. Cold, wet and icy weather is not friendly to travelers. Not all other drivers are careful or wise. So take care of yourselves and your families first.

Have happy and healthy holidays, and may 2007 see the world in better shape than it is in today.

Barry Green